



BURLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT PRIORITY PLAN





INCIDENTS

The BPD classifies incidents according to 130 categories. We further divide those 130 incidents categories into three Priorities.

PRIORITY 1	High priority.
PRIORITY 2	Middle priority. (*) = situationally dependent; some may be Priority 1 or Priority 3.
PRIORITY 3	Low priority. Response may be delayed based on officer availability; may receive a CSO response.

BPD’s primary goal is **NEIGHBORS’ PHYSICAL SAFETY**. When neighbors call about safety, we will always answer; but other incidents may have to wait—i.e., get stacked—depending on incident volume and staffing. (Priority 2 incident categories with an asterisk may be Priority 1 or Priority 3 depending on whether it is in-progress or a late report, or whether it involves physical safety or not. This determination can be made by dispatch or assigned officers, with the Office-In-Charge as the final arbiter.)

911 Hangup	Cruelty to a Child	Illegal Dumping	Robbery
Airport AOA Violation	Cruelty to Animals	Impeding a Public Officer	Runaway
Airport Duress Alarm	Custodial Interference *	Impersonation of a Police Officer *	Runaway Apprehension
Airport PHASE	Disorderly Conduct *	Inciting a Felony	Search
Alarm *	Disorderly Conduct by Elec Comm	Intoxication	Search Warrant
Alcohol Offense	Disturbance	Investigation - Cold Case	Sex Offender Registry Violation
Animal Problem	DLS	Juvenile Problem *	Sexual Assault
Arrest on Warrant	Domestic Assault - Felony	Kidnapping	Sheltering/Aiding Runaway
Arson	Domestic Assault - Misd	Larceny - from a Building	SRO Activity
Assault - Aggravated	Domestic Disturbance	Larceny - from a Motor Vehicle	Stalking
Assault - Simple	Drugs	Larceny - Other	Stolen Vehicle
Assist - Agency	Drugs - Possession	Larceny from a Person	Subpoena Service
Assist - Car Seat Inspection	Drugs - Sale	Lewd and Lascivious Conduct	Suicide - Attempted
Assist - K9	DUI	Lockdown Drill	Suspicious Event *
Assist - Motorist	Eluding Police	Mental Health Issue *	Theft of Rental Property
Assist - Other	Embezzlement	Minor in Possession of Alcohol	Theft of Service
Assist - Public	Enabling Consumption by Minors	Missing Person	Threats/Harassment *
Background Investigation	Escape	Motor Vehicle Complaint	Traffic
Bad Check	Extortion	Noise	Trespass *
Bar / Liquor License Violation	False Info to Police	Obstruction of Justice	TRO/FRO Service
Bomb Threat	False Pretenses	Operations	TRO/FRO Violation
Burglary *	False Public Alarms	Ordinance Violation - Other	Unlawful Restraint
CHINS	False Swearing	Overdose	Untimely Death
Community Outreach	Fireworks	Parking	Use of Elec Comm to Lure a Child
Compliance Check	Foot Patrol	Possession of Stolen Property	Uttering a Forged Instrument
Computer Crime	Forgery	Prescription Fraud	Vandalism
Contributing to Delinquency of Minor	Found/Lost Property	Prohibited Acts	VIN verification
Counterfeiting	Fraud	Property Damage	Violation of Conditions of Release *
Crash - Fatality	Fugitive From Justice	Reckless Endangerment	Voyeurism *
Crash - Injury to person(s)	Graffiti Removal	Recovered Property	Weapons Offense
Crash - LSA *	Hindering Arrest	Resisting Arrest	Welfare Check *
Crash - Non-Investigated	Homicide	Retail Theft	
Crash - Property damage only	Identity Theft	Roadway Hazard	



INCIDENTS BY OCCURRENCE, 2020

There were 23,578 incidents in 2020. This table shows the number of times each incident category was reported in 2020. Burlington's data is open to the public on the Open Data Dashboard, <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/Police/Data>

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Suspicious Event *	2,091	911 Hangup	371	Fireworks	142	DUI	37	Drugs - Sale	9
Traffic	1,181	Ordinance Violation - Other	359	Assist - Other	125	Runaway	37	Larceny from a Person	7
Assist - Agency	1,128	COVID - Compliance Check	347	Violation Conditions of Release	120	Custodial Interference *	36	Recovered Property	7
Welfare Check *	1,097	Larceny - from Motor Vehicle	339	Property Damage	109	Assist - K9	33	False Public Alarms	6
Noise	1,001	Parking	334	Burglary *	108	Illegal Dumping	31	False Info to Police	5
Mental Health Issue *	947	TRO/FRO Service	318	Overdose	100	Compliance Check	30	Possession of Stolen Property	5
Assist - Public	933	Larceny - Other	261	SRO Activity	100	Lewd and Lascivious Conduct	30	Airport AOA Violation	4
Disturbance	885	Vandalism	261	Roadway Hazard	93	Domestic Assault - Felony	29	Airport Duress Alarm	4
Trespass *	842	Juvenile Problem *	246	Subpoena Service	80	Domestic Assault - Misd	22	CHINS	4
Alarm *	797	Assist - Motorist	217	TRO/FRO Violation	77	Robbery	20	Computer Crime	4
Found/Lost Property	775	Crash - Non-Investigated	204	Stolen Vehicle	62	Stalking	19	Fugitive From Justice	4
Intoxication	691	Retail Theft	171	Sexual Assault	60	Lockdown Drill	16	Search	4
Community Outreach	683	Larceny - from Building	169	Untimely Death	57	Suicide - Attempted	16	Voyeurism *	4
Foot Patrol	660	Vandalism - graffiti	162	Drugs	54	Counterfeiting	15	Airport PHASE	3
Threats/Harassment	623	VIN verification	161	Crash - Injury to person(s)	53	Identity Theft	15	Cruelty to a Child	3
Domestic Disturbance	593	Arrest on Warrant	157	Assault - Aggravated	51	NA	15	Homicide	3
Crash - Property damage only	563	Disorderly Conduct *	157	DLS	46	DC by Electronic Means	13	Prohibited Acts	3
Animal Problem	488	Operations	150	Missing Person	44	Drugs - Possession	13	Weapons Offense	3
Crash - LSA *	419	Fraud	147	Search Warrant	41	Theft of Service	12	Crash - Fatality	2
Motor Vehicle Complaint	400	Assault - Simple	145	Background Investigation	38	Arson	10	Eluding Police	2



THE SCHEDULE

- This table shows the current “Downtown Tour”
- There are three shifts (Days, Evenings, and Midnights)
- Officers work four ten-hour shifts per week—40 hrs/wk
- Each shift has two alternating teams; the teams overlap on one shift per week, aka “double days”
- The minimum safe staffing on a Day or Evenings shift is typically six plus a supervisor; the minimum on a Midnight shift is typically four plus a supervisor
 - On shifts where minimum staffing is not met, supervisors will post for overtime to ensure a safe number of officers is available
- The “Availability Factor,” which is calculated based on officers’ contractual leave, means that **only 86.3% of officers are available at any given time**
- On any given shift, particularly on “double days,” headcount is likely to be lower than that shown owing to training, injury, sick leave, or non-contractual time off

BURLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT - DOWNTOWN TOUR

MAY 2 - JUNE 5, 2021

DAYS: 0730-1730

TEAM A Off: Tue, Wed, Thu

LT	LAWSON 214	C
SGT	BROWNELL 311	Area
1	SCHALLER 282	C
2	COUSINS 284	C
3	MOYER 326	B
4	YOUNG 268	E
5	BEAL 364	D
6	YEH 368	B
7	BARTLE 369	A
CSO	STIRLING 960	

EVENINGS: 1645-0245

TEAM D Off: Tue, Wed, Thu

LT	VACANT	
SGT	HENRY 321	Area
1	BADEAU 289	E
2	LACOUTURE 375	B
3	SHORT 396	D
4	MORAN 398	D
5	WEBSTER 400	C
6	CALDIERI 403	C
7	VACANT	

MIDNIGHTS: 2215-0815

TEAM F Off: Mon, Tue, Wed

SGT	BOMBARD 355	Area
1	CHANG 337	A
2	CAMPBELL 362	B
3	WINTERS 388	E
4	JOHNSON 404	C

DAYS: 0730-1730

TEAM B Off: Sun, Fri, Sat

LT	YOUNG 103	A&E
SGT	NADEAU 242	Area
1	WILSON 263	A
2	KAHLIG 313	B
3	HARTNETT 351	C
4	ROSS 353	D
5	BROUILLETTE 367	C
6	KIRBY 379	B
7	MARVIN 381	E
CSO	WAGEMAN 961	

EVENINGS: 1645-0245

TEAM E Off: Sun, Mon, Sat

LT	NGUYEN	B
SGT	MELLIS 297	Area
1	BYRNE 345	C
2	O'LEARY 358	C
3	PALMATEER 371	B
4	CONGDON 382	D
5	HUYNH 392	D
6	GONZALEZ 393	A
7	BAUR 394	E

MIDNIGHTS: 2215-0815

TEAM G Off: Sun, Fri, Sat

SGT	SELLER 319	Area
1	BACCAGLINI 272	E
2	CORROW 347	B
3	SPAULDING 355	C
4	MCGEE 385	D



OFFICERS AVAILABLE FOR INCIDENTS



DAYS, 0730 x 1730
Seven Officers
six with availability factor

We currently have seven officers assigned to our day shift; seven to our evening shift; and four to our midnight shift. The “availability factor” of 0.863, which accounts for contractual leave, means that **BPD currently has only six officers regularly available to cover the 44,000 residents and 15.5 square miles of the Queen City. After 3:00 am, that regularly drops to three.** Many Priority 1 incidents such as domestic violence automatically require a two-officer response. Resources can become unavailable very quickly.



EVES, 1645 x 0245
Seven Officers
six with availability factor



MIDS, 2215 x 0815
Four Officers
three with availability factor



CSOs AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY CONTINUITY PLAN

One way to address incident volume and staffing is onboarding the new Community Service Officers (CSOs) authorized by the City Council. The CSOs can potentially absorb certain Priority 3 incidents, leaving officers free to address Priority 1 and Priority 2 incidents.

Nevertheless, **Hiring and training a CSO takes 7.5 months.** The City has posted for the position and already has interested parties. Maintaining hiring standards is nonnegotiable, but we are hopeful that hiring will occur in FY22 Q1, with possible deployment in Q3.

BPD already has two CSOs on staff. They currently respond to about 5% of all incidents. This pilot plan envisions expanding the number of CSOs to twelve and expanding the universe of incidents to which ***CSOs can potentially respond to approximately 15-20% of total volume.***



